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AMENDMENT

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Customer Window, Mail Stop **Non-Fee Amendment**
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Dear Sir:

Please enter this Amendment - Response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2003
and grant the concurrent Petition for Extension of Time.

- (1) Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which
begins on page 2 of this paper; and
- (2) Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.